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FROM: Timothy E. Nauman, Reg. No. 32,283  
RE: U.S. Serial No. 09/974,639; filed October 09, 2001  
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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Ser. No.: 09/974,639	Filed: October 09, 2001	Examiner: Sean E. Vincent
Art Unit: 1731	Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING DISCHARGE TUBES OF LOW-PRESSURE DISCHARGE LAMPS	

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	15	Minus	42	0	X 18	\$0.00
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TOTAL					=	\$0.00

No additional claim fee is required.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a one month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-0308 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the applicable extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Istvan Kerenyi, et al.  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING  
DISCHARGE TUBES OF LOW-PRESSURE  
DISCHARGE LAMPS  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page of this paper.

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